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Remarks/Arguments

Claims of Record

Absent any communication to the contrary, Applicant respectfully presumes that the amendments to the claims made in the December 15, 2004 Office Action response have been entered by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant has incorporated the December 15, 2004 claim amendments in the Listing of Claims for the present Amendment and Request for Reconsideration.

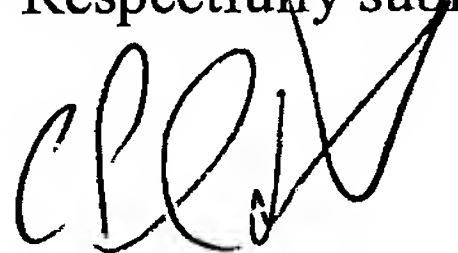
Restriction and Species Election Under 35 U.S.C. 121

In the Office Action of March 8, 2005, the Examiner identified seven patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Applicant has elected Species 2; Claims 1-4, 6-8, 12-20, and 22-25 for examination without traverse. Applicant has withdrawn from consideration Species 1 and 3-7; Claims 5, 9-11, and 21.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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